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# Kirkland Heritage Society

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

by  
**Bob Burke**

We have won our second award from the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation in the past two years!! Our report *Historic Preservation: City of Kirkland* was recognized at their conference in Port Townsend on October 21. Barbara Loomis and I attended to receive it on behalf of KHS. We'll report on the conference at the November meeting. Last year *Blackberry Preserves* received an award in the Publications category.

During the past month we have received a number of new memberships, including two new professional/business members and renewals --see article (If you have not renewed, please do so by November 10th, 1995). The Professional / Business and Sustaining memberships provide extra financial support which is essential to our expanding programs!! Thanks for your support!!

The display at City Hall will be changed by the end of the month so if you haven't seen the one on Kirkland Pioneers stop in at the lower lobby soon! The new theme will be on Lake Washington. This theme will also be incorporated into our November program by **Norm Blye** on *The History of Lake Washington Ferries*.

I was out of town for our last meeting at the Library -- which I understand was very interesting! Thanks, **Alan!** When it was announced that I would be speaking

in October on the work program, someone muttered --"another boring program." It really won't be on the work program: but on the "Vision" of how Kirkland's past will be reflected in its future if we accomplish our KHS mission. It will include slides, maps and photographs. I'm also looking for your ideas on what we should do and how to do it!! Please attend and give us your ideas!

See you in October.

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## CALENDAR

### **Kirkland Heritage Society**

Regular meetings occur monthly, except December, on the last Wednesday at 7:00 p.m., at the Kirkland Congregational Church, 106 - 5th Avenue, unless otherwise noted.

Board and Committee Meeting  
October 25, 1995, 6:00 p.m.

**October 25th Meeting**  
Bob Burke, KHS President  
*A Vision of How Kirkland's Past Will be Reflected in Our Future*

**November 29th Meeting**  
Norm Blye  
*History of Lake Washington's Ferries*

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## **FUNDRAISING**

by **Barbara Loomis**

The *entertainment* books are here and I will bring them to the next meeting, October 25. Remember we make \$8.00 from each book we sell. They are easy to use and pay for themselves after only a few uses. Are you interested in movies? dining? travel? There's something for everyone. You can even get 50% off **MARINERS** tickets for the 1996 season. If you would like to have the *entertainment* books before the 25th call me (827-7194) and I'll get them to you.

## Lakeview Elementary School Celebrates its 40th Anniversary

By  
Alan Stein

A few months ago, Joan McBride asked KHS if we could help in any way with Lakeview Elementary's 40th anniversary. Using the *East Side Journal* database, I was able to quickly locate and then print all articles from 1955 pertaining to the school's opening. I also researched 1955 to provide information about what was then making news in Kirkland and the rest of the country.

When I attended the PTA meetings to share this information with them a wonderful opportunity came my way. The group was looking for people to speak to the kids about history, both local and that of the school. Dr. McKibben, who grew up near the school, volunteered to talk about what the neighborhood was like years ago.

Since they were hard-pressed in finding other people to give presentations, I hesitantly offered to come in and share old stories from the paper and photos from KHS' collection. I explained to organizers that I had no experience talking to children about history, but that I'd love to give it a try.

As it turned out, I had no problem whatsoever talking to the children. I had one half hour with each class (one third grade, two fourth grades, two fifth grades, and a combined sixth grade)--the kids loved it! I didn't have time to answer all their questions, but after telling them they could ask me questions at the library if they saw me there, a couple have stopped by to talk about Kirkland's past.

I spent the first 20 minutes giving a quick overview of Kirkland's history, mostly from a child's perspective. I devoted the final ten minutes to Kirkland in 1955, and included photos of the school under construction and various newspaper ads and photos. Each

lecture was highlighted when I pulled out a coonskin cap (Davey Crockett was big in 1955) and told them how cool it was to have one of these caps back then, even though it looks like roadkill.

I must admit, I was exhausted by the end of the day. I was there from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm and the one thing that kept me going was the emotional thrill produced by seeing the kids really interested in learning about history..

I also helped out with the Lakeview 40th Anniversary Sockhop. With the help of Joan's husband, I created two hours of sockhop music and laid down DJ riffs on the tapes. For the DJ chatter I created some 'ads' for local businesses of that era and provided some historical asides. The first hour was dedicated solely to music from 1955. The hop went very well and the kids who were there remembered that I was "the History Guy" and asked more questions.

In all, I thoroughly enjoyed both talking to the kids and helping out with the celebration. Since one of the lectures was videotaped, it might be a good idea to see if other schools are interested in having these kinds of talks for children.

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### Welcome New Members

Professional Membership: Curtis Gelotte, Curtis Gelotte Architects; Galen C. Page & Lee Beard, Page & Beard Architecture and Design

Sustaining Membership: Lloyd and Sharon Powell (Sears Building)

Family/Individual: Scott and Shelly Douglas (Hitter House); Velda Wilson

Continued Membership: Jeanne and Hilbert Bartels; Lynette Friberg; Penny Sweet and Larry Springer

Thank You For Your Donation: Jeanne and Hilbert Bartels; Dick Shinstrom; Velda Wilson.

Tales From The East Side Journal

By  
Alan Stein

If you were at the Kirkland Cemetery tour a few months ago, then you may recall that I had no information about the huge monument and family plot for the Auzias du Turenne family in the cemetery's northeast section. Well, I recently came across this article from the May 24, 1972 edition of the paper. Most questions surrounding the plot are now answered.

# Auzias du Turenne-- a French family resting in Kirkland

The handsome block of granite stones on the Auzias de Turenne lot in Kirkland Cemetery is of special interest.

One wonders how these people with a delightful French names and backgrounds in Grenoble, France; Outremont (near Montreal), Canada, the Yukon Territories and Philadelphia came to be buried in Kirkland Cemetery.

The large center tablet topped with a cross is inscribed in a combination of French and Latin. With the help of French and Latin teachers, it was learned that this is the Auzias de Turenne family marker.

Translated it reads: "Seek first the Kingdom of God. In the memory of our fathers (ancestors) who rest in God in Dauphine (a province), Voreppe, France."

He who rests in the peace of the Lord, his spirit rejoices."

When curiosity wouldn't quit, a telephone call answered all the questions.

One of the markers is for Leon de Turenne and finding that same name in the Seattle

telephone book, a call was made.

Mrs. Robert Allen said, yes, the family's cemetery lot is in Kirkland. Her former husband, Leon de Turenne, is buried there with his parents, Raymond and Marie.

The Auzias de Turenne family home has been on Capitol Hill in Seattle for many years. Her former father-in-law, Raymond, liked the Kirkland Cemetery and chose it for the family plot. It is attractive, Mrs. Allen said, and seems to have mellowed with age.

Jean Marie Raymond Auzias de Turenne, the father, a pioneer of Dakota and Yukon Territories, was born in Grenoble Nov. 23, 1861. He died in Seattle Sept. 20, 1940.

His wife, Marie Auzias de Turenne Nee Trotter de Beaubien, was born in Outremont Aug. 2, 1866, and died five years after her husband, June 14, 1945, in Philadelphia.

Their son, Leon Auzias de Turenne, was born in Outremont Dec. 15, 1899, and died in Seattle Jan. 17, 1957.

Thanks to Mrs. Allen, another page has been written in the history of the Kirkland Cemetery.

# Blasts Break 43 Windows

## Police Probe Two Alarming Night Blasts

Many Kirkland residents were awakened from their sleep late Friday night when two dynamite blasts went off near the city hall.

The first explosion occurred at 11:45 p.m. and the second, more serious blast, went off at 12:15 p.m. Kirkland police believed sticks of dynamite were thrown from a car.

The second detonation struck on 2nd St. almost directly back of the laundromat on Central Way. According to police, the hole made by the blast would indicate that three to five sticks of dynamite were thrown the second time.

### 43 Windows Broken

A total of 43 windows were broken in the vicinity, including one in the mayor's office, according to Sergeant Jack Miller. Most of the windows were pulled out due to the concussion. Damage was extensive to residences near the spot where the second explosion went off. The blasts were heard throughout the city.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Erickson, Jack, 13, and Jim, 16, narrowly escaped injury when the windows in their bedrooms, where they were sleeping, were shattered by the blast. Windows on the west side of the house at 253 3rd Ave. were blown out and casings were loosened. No windows were broken in five-year-old Jay's room on the other side of the house.

When Jim awakened as his parents entered his room the shattered glass fell in on his bed.

**Mysterious Warning**  
Mrs. Thomas Kelley, 302 2nd St. reported she received a mysterious phone call about 5 p.m. Friday.

Mrs. Kelley said when she answered the phone a little girl's voice said, "Is that you, Mrs. Kelley?"

When Mrs. Kelley replied, "Yes," the little girl said, "I have a message for you," then became flustered. Then a man's crass voice spoke to the little girl and the telephone receiver at the other end was slammed down. Mrs. Kelley felt that it was an attempted warning message.

No motive could be suggested by police. Chief Clem Reynolds was out of the city on a hunting trip and could not be contacted regarding the explosion.

Thursday, October 16, 1958

# East Side Journal

The East Side's Prize-Winning Pioneer Newspaper



**Kirkland Childhood C. 1900**

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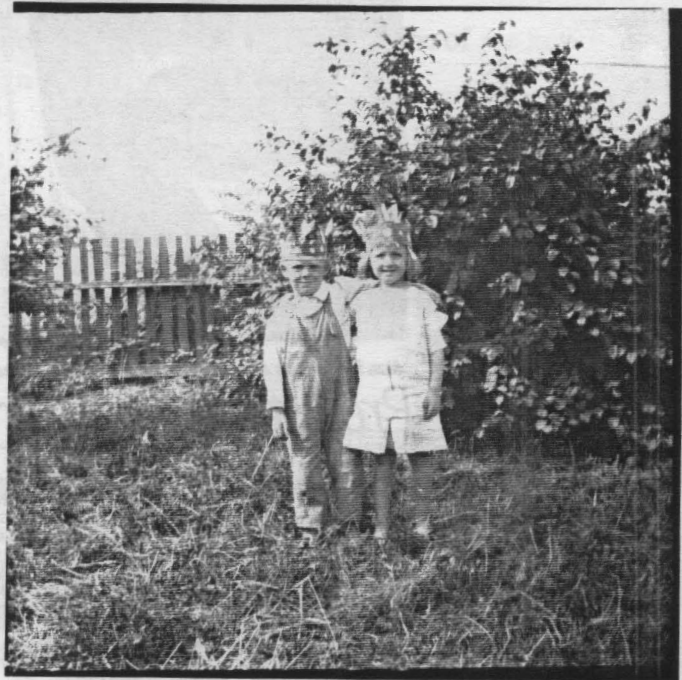
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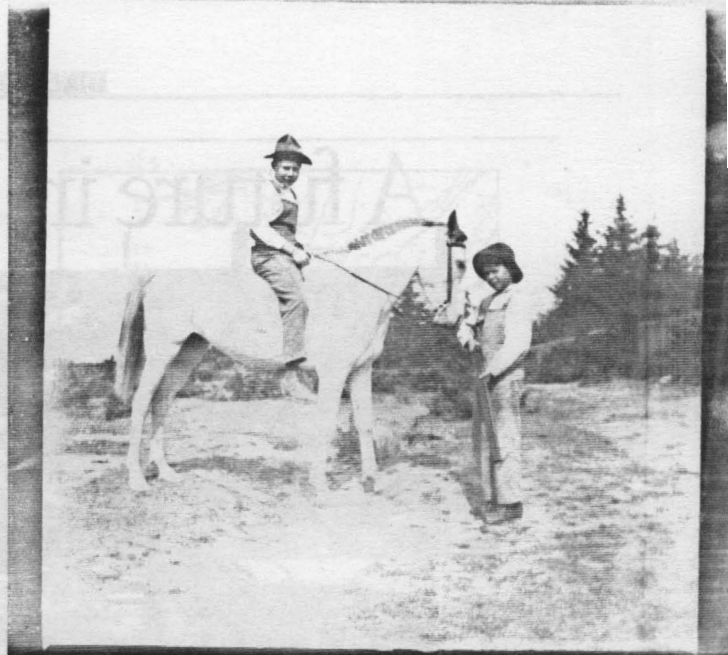
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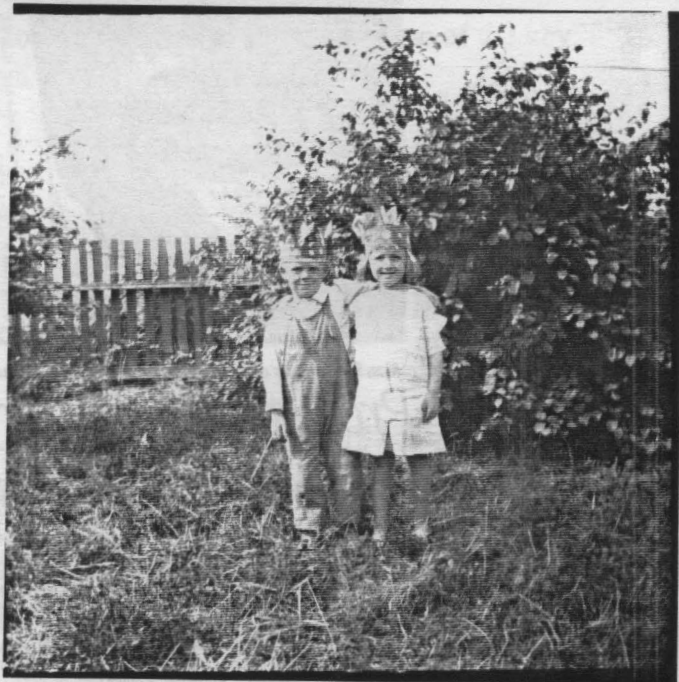
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# A future in Kirkland's past



Alan Stein works at the Kirkland Library on indexing old newspaper articles out of the now-defunct East Side Journal.

RON WURZER / SEATTLE TIMES

## Project keeps yesteryear alive and well

BY SUSAN BYRNES  
Seattle Times East bureau

KIRKLAND — If it weren't for a Midwesterner with an affinity for yesteryear, the name Letitia Whitehall might have been forever buried in a pile of yellowed newspaper clippings.

The detectives and reporters who scoured Kirkland in 1926 for clues to the 14-year-old girl's murder have probably long since died, their work forgotten on some dusty shelf.

But ask Illinois native Alan Stein about Whitehall, and he'll recount a little-known slice of Kirkland history, the tale of a schoolgirl whose slaying was never solved.

Stein, 33, knows the girl's body was found by two duck hunters in the shallow waters of the Sammamish Slough. He knows about the dentist named C.C. Dobbs who was jailed and then released when no charges were filed. And he knows about the Bothell woman who a month and a half later, in a "spell of despondency and brooding," leapt to her death at the same spot where the girl's body was found.

"Everyone has these rosy pictures of the past," Stein said, rifling through a box of files at the Kirkland Library. "Things were not all a bed of roses."

For the past two years, Stein has

tirelessly indexed the city's former weekly newspaper, the East Side Journal, as part of a Kirkland Heritage Society effort to piece together the past. The murder mystery is just one of the forgotten tales Stein has uncovered.

There's also the story of the mayor, the Rev. C.E. Newberry, who resigned in 1933 after the city passed an ordinance allowing the sale of 3.2 beer. And there's the account of the nation's first Cub Scout pack, started in Kirkland in 1921 by a blind woman.

But one of Stein's favorites is the 1931 story of the town jeweler, H.H. Loy, who shot the owner of the feed store, Louis Todd, to death in broad

### How to help

To volunteer for the oral-history project or offer something to the society, call Christina Brugman at 821-3605. To contact Alan Stein about a history question, ask for him at the Kirkland Library, 822-2459.

daylight in downtown Kirkland. According to newspaper accounts, Loy admitted he fired two shots at Todd, telling police, "If my gun hadn't

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## Oral history speaks for itself in ongoing Kirkland project

### History

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jammed, I'd be shooting yet."

Loy said he shot Todd because he was concerned the feed-store owner was chasing after his wife. A jury acquitted the jeweler on the "grounds of the unwritten law."

That so few know the history of one of the Eastside's oldest cities is what keeps Stein going. The passion began in 1991, when he moved to Kirkland and tried to research the history of his new home. Aside from one book called "Our Foundering Fathers," Stein noticed, very little of the city's past had been documented.

"I started digging around," he said. "I found out it was really a dead

end."

When the city launched an oral-history project a year later, Stein was one of the first to volunteer. The project focused on tracking down old-timers and taping interviews with them.

With his background in software and his limited knowledge of the city's past, Stein decided he'd be more useful as one of several indexers of old newspapers.

"I got hooked," said Stein, who is now president of the Heritage Society. "A lot of people dropped off. It was pretty obvious I was going to do the whole thing."

Much of the collective memory focuses on founder Peter Kirk's plans in the 1890s to turn Kirkland

into a steel town he called the Pittsburgh of the West. Banks ran dry before Kirk's dream could be realized, but some of the buildings had already been built not far from where Price/Costco sits off Interstate 405.

Stein began his study with the first surviving issues of the paper; his reading eventually covered from 1918 to 1975.

Recently laid off from The Boeing Co., Stein has spent up to 10 hours each week for the past two years entering more than 60,000 headlines into the computer. What was once a pile of microfilm identified only by date is now an instant, usable research tool.

As his work progressed, residents began to call on Stein to

research a relative or the history of a particular issue. When city officials threatened to remove Kirkland's only boat launch for a new park, Stein arrived at a City Council meeting armed with a lengthy list of articles detailing the city's rich boating history.

When a group of residents suggested renewing ferry service to Seattle, Stein dug up articles on the first steamships to connect the Eastside outpost to Seattle. He conducted historic research to help name new city parks.

"The idea is to give back to the community," says Stein, whose passion for the past is evident in the rumpled copies of his favorite stories that he keeps in a cardboard box. "I

don't mind looking up stuff for people — it's like detective work."

Stein's work is only a small part of the effort under way to put a face on Kirkland's past.

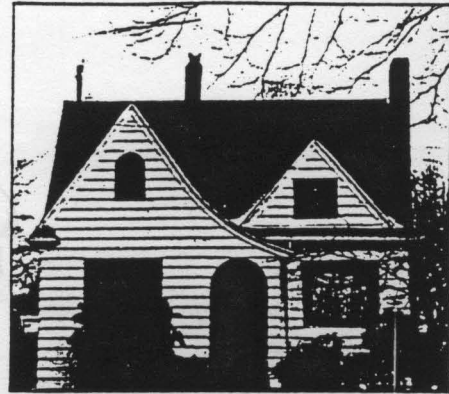
The first round of the oral-history project, with about 30 residents interviewed, was recently completed. Organizers are looking for more volunteers to begin a second round of interviewing and transcribing tapes.

Heritage Society member Christina Brugman says that in addition to interviews, the organization is looking for copies of old photographs, letters, diaries, home movies and newspaper clippings to add to the growing collection. One day, members hope to have a place to house all they've collected.

## TUDOR

1919 - 1940

When U.S. Soldiers returned from Europe at the end of World War I, they brought with them a taste for the quaint cottages and picturesque settlements they had seen abroad. These images became a popular style, referred to as Tudor or Provincial Style. In Kirkland, there are many houses which were built in this style throughout the City.

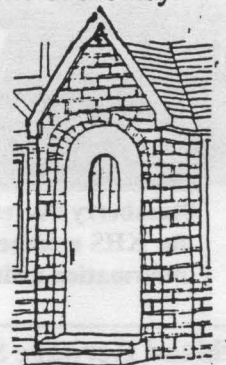


### Key Elements

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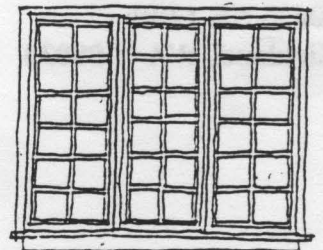
#### Siding

On homes which use brick detailing, do not cover the masonry with siding.



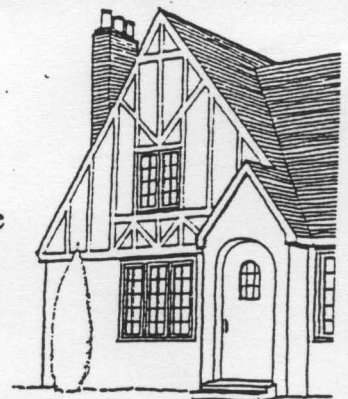
#### Windows

Multi-paned windows are an integral feature of the design and should be matched when replacing windows.



#### Siding

Regular, simple maintenance of stucco and half-timbered house types will prevent water accumulation behind the sheathing.



*The sketches and descriptions of this style was used with permission by the City of Everett from the report entitled, Rucker! Grand Avenue Historic Neighborhood Conservation Handbook, prepared by Makers for the Everett Historical Commission.*



### Identifying Features

Steeply pitched roofs, with the front of the home dominated by a prominent cross-gable and a massive chimney.

Tall, narrow windows, commonly grouped together and with multi-pane glazing.

Brick, stone and wood cladding as well as stucco were common exterior materials. Sometimes houses were sheathed to mimic English half-timbered houses, with stucco between the applied boards.

Some homes were modeled on English rural cottages with false thatched roofs, made by rolling layered roofing materials around the eaves.



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